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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

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1. IN AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MINEXTAFF MOGWE DECEMBER 22
(SEE SEPTTEL), LATTER INDICATED HE WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY BE GOING T
O
NEW YORK FOR THE UNSC HEARING OF BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT AGAINST
RHODESIA, PROBABLY IN JANUARY. THIS OF COURSE WOULD DEPEND ON
PRESIDENT KHAMA'S DECISION, MOGWE ADDED.

2. MOGWE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL FEELINGS THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT
WOULD COME OF THE GOB APPEAL TO THE UNSC. IT MIGHT RESULT IN
SOME FORM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, HE SPECULATED, OR EVEN IN THE
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DISPATCH OF TROOPS UNDER UN AUSPICES. REGARDING THE LATTER
POSSIBLILITY, MOGWE SAID HE WOULD PREFER AFRICAN TROOPS, BECAUSE
THEY WOULD "GIVE SMITH A HELL OF A KNOCK". THEN HE LAUGHINLY
ADDED: "THIS OF COURSE IS JUST MY SELFISH PREFERENCE."

3. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT THAT GOB HAS REQUESTED THE UNSC

MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE SOME FORM OF EFFECTIVE
ACTION TO HALT RHODESIAN BORDER VIOLATIONS, AND AT THIS POINT
HAS NOT CLEARLY FORMULATED THE APPROACH IT WILL USE OR OBJECTIVE
IT WILL SEEK IN NEW YORK. THE SITUATION THUS REMAINS FLUID.
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